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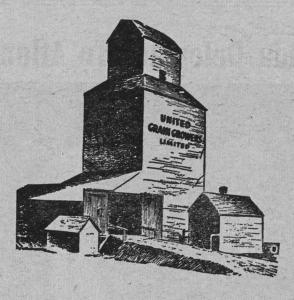
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#### President's Report . . .

I hasten to make my apologies for not reporting last month, and many thanks to Del McCorkle for a good job of pinchhitting. My original intention was to write an on-the-spot report while in London. There are several reasons why this was not done. First, and foremost, I am just as lazy as the next guy and our very efficient office staff was not around to prod me into action. Then during the five days of the Congress the agenda was very heavy and I tried to get everything out of it possible. After that there was some sight-seeing and a little shopping to do, and then the facilities for writing were not good.

District conventions became history yesterday and Summer board meetings start tomorrow. I was very pleased to be able to attend all but two of these conventions, and my sincere regrets for not being at eleven and twelve. I also hope that I was able to contribute a little to those I attended. It was nice meeting so many of you and I hope to see you again before too long.

The activities of your organization have been varied and interesting in the past month. It was a pleasure to be able to announce another service to our membership in the form of comprehensive liability insurance. This has been arranged through Co-op Fire and Casualty, with whom we have a master policy which covers all applicants as soon as they fill out the form and mail it to head office.

The Surface Rights committee has been busy and more problems are coming to light daily. Hardly a day passes but what some legal tangle must be unscrambled. And so it goes.

To make our organization still more valuable, in a different field, we have worked out arrangements in co-operation with the major co-operatives in the province to establish a department to take care of programming and information from the local level right through to the executive. This department will be under the direction of one man and sufficient funds will be available to do the job that is necessary. You will hear more of this next month.

In the field of general economics we still have troubles. The federal credit legislation has been announced and, though we were not given an opportunity to discuss it with the government, it would seem that there are improvements on former legislation. We are not too well pleased with the announced crop insurance legislation. From here, at the moment, it would seem to be useless, but again it is a little too soon to be certain. The Senate study of inflation has produced some good material but I doubt whether any one government, or anyone else is prepared or has the courage to do those things that are necessary to do anything about it.

I am concerned about the fate of our policy to use deficiency payments as the means to supplement family farm income. We felt that we would get an opportunity to give it a real trial but. since Mr. Harkness announced his intention to use it on hogs and eggs, opposition has developed and some of that has come from our own people. The unfortunate part of the whole problem seems to be that no one wants to try to solve anything by applying overall policy. Before price supports of any kind were used, food products were in direct competition with each other. This tended to keep production of each product in fair relation to requirements. Since price supports have become necessary, and I doubt whether any one in their right mind will deny that they are necessary. these supports must be used in such a way as to direct and encourage the production according to need. Any hodgepodge attempt to deal with one commodity at a time will only create chaos and I am afraid that we are near that stage now. I am sorry that our farm people are not completely in agreement at this time as to the best policy to pursue.

May we find wisdom to deal with it in a manner becoming to a people that wants to help to make this world a decent place for all people to live.

"The secret of success is pluck — all you need is pluck."

"Yeah, but nowadays it's so hard to find anyone to pluck."

#### NATO 10th Anniversary

#### **ATLANTIC CONGRESS**

by Ed Nelson

In any and all reports that I make to the members of our farm organizations on my participation in the Atlantic Congress as a delegate, I hope you will bear one or two things in mind. While the scope of the Congress was broad and included political, spiritual, military, Communism and economics, both in the free World and in NATO countries. my main interest was economic. Secondly, because of my interest in people, my interests centred on Spiritual and political aspects. I ask you, therefore, to read as many reports as you can from other delegates as well. Rev. A. Forrest has an excellent report in the United Church Observer (July ? issue).

While the delegates were chosen from various organizations, they were, nevertheless, expected to speak their own views. It is reasonable to suppose then that the declarations emanating from the meeting would be as near a cross section of public opinion as it would be possible to get. This opinion is expressed in words and since words are subject to interpretation it is possible to read into them various meanings, and since more than one language was used, it was also possible for meanings to be changed in translation.

However, I listened to so many people from each country, in various languages, express the same thoughts, that I am satisfied that my interpretation of what took place must be substantially correct.

To begin, the Queen, in her address to the Congress when she opened the sessions, said, quote, "I welcome here today the representatives of the countries who are bound together in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. It is a particular pleasure for me to recall that I have been able to visit so many of your countries in recent years.

"The Atlantic Community is an alliance of like-minded peoples and it is therefore something much more profound than a formal agreement between Governments and leaders. The Atlantic Community is the first real effort to give practical form to a growing desire of the peoples of this part of the world to work more closely together for their mutual security and benefit.

"It is in the light of this new concept that I would ask you to frame your ideas and your resolutions. It is the ordinary people of this Atlantic Community who want a clear lead. There is an unmistakable longing among peace-loving people of the world to create a happier and an easier international atmosphere, but there is no simple guide to point the way.

"The success of this congress, therefore, will depend on the simplicity of its recommendations and the clarity of its ideas.

"You start your work here with two great advantages, for the Atlantic Community shares a common interest in security and progress, and a common European heritage. The many elements which make up this heritage are too complex to describe and too subtle to define. We cannot list them, but we know them when we meet them. However, there are two which have long been the main principles of enlightened European thought and action: respect for the freedom of the individual, for the dignity of human nature and a simple faith in God. These two principles show more clearly than anything else that the things which divide us are very small and unimportant compared to the things which unite us.

"These two principles also demonstrate to our fellow members of the Commonwealth and to all our friends throughout the world that the Atlantic Community is not an exclusive club, but itself belongs to that wider brotherhood which comprises all men of goodwill.

"My hope is that, when you disperse, the peoples of the Atlantic Community will be one step nearer to a practical system of co-operation. And when an issue divides us — be it great or small, be it a matter for Governments or technicians or just the play of public opinion — I hope that any who are disposed to quarrel may think twice, and may remember that our real aims are the same and make a determined attempt to reconcile our differences.

"This congress already bears the seeds of success, and for this credit is due to those who have organized this meeting and have brought such a wide and representative gathering together in these historic surroundings.

"I am very glad to open the Atlantic Congress today, for I believe you can achieve great things for all mankind." (End of Quote)

One of the tasks undertaken by each of the delegates was to prepare a paper to submit to the Congress. This was for the purpose of establishing a basis for discussion in the various committees. The following is a condensed version of the paper that I prepared with the

help of many people, in our office, the Department of Extension, University of Alberta, and others.

"Équality of opportunity must surely become the standard for all peoples. It is generally accepted by nations in the West that the maintenance of peace in the past ten years can be attributed, in no small measure, to the existence of those whom it has exploited, and this can only be done through a genuine effort to share. Tariffs and embargoes must become the means of creating orderly development in a free world, and not means of protection for special groups. Reason and human welfare must replace power and privilege for some.

"Raising the standards of underdeveloped countries could well be the first step in the interests of world peace. In view of the surplus of food stuffs available, and the potential production in sight, a start should be made in using food to supplement money for development capital.

"The following are some principles which should be followed:

- 1. The program between ourselves and the recipient country should be at least five years duration. The recipient country should be allowed to design its own projects, but it also should be agreed that these projects should increase the country's real national income.
- 2. In order to carry out a program of this nature it would seem necessary to retain fairly large stocks in storage.
- 3. We should attempt to have our food surpluses in forms that can be used by other people to best advantage.
- 4. It is most highly desirable that, insofar as possible, such programs be carried out with international consultation and within the framework of the FAO principles of surplus disposal.

"Farm organizations in Canada have for years indicated their support of any plan which would envisage some form of an international food bank. More freedom in currency exchange and convertability are also important."

It is with considerable interest therefore that I listened to the addresses of various men in high places, who spoke to the opening plenary session. The following are quotations from these talks and the name of each one that spoke,

The Archbishop of York — "The nations included within the Atlantic community contain a variety of political systems — republican, monarchial, presidential, a variety of economic ways of life from the agricultural to the highly industrialized, and a variety of kinds

of culture from those which owe much to the sense of tradition in an ancient country to those which owe no less to the spirit of frontier pioneering in a new continent. What spiritual values do these nations share? Diffused among them all are three outstanding things, a care for democracy, a care for freedom and a recognition that Christianity has played a great part in the moulding of our civilization. But democracy, freedom, Christianity are not easy concepts; and we have to ask how far each of them describes the spiritual values on which we, as a community, stand.

"Freedom is, even more than democracy, the familiar description of our spiritual ideal. As a community we have long loved freedom and long found that the pursuit of it is beset by frustrations and contradictions; just now we are conscious of developments within our civilization which greatly threatens freedom.

- (1) The development of technological organization on a vast scale can tend to put power into the hands of the few experts.
- (2) The nature of modern heavy industry can lead to a sort of depersonalising process through the nature of a man's daily work giving personal expression so little chance.
- (3) The freedom in modes of propaganda which arises from free discussion and exchange of thought, can admit methods of creating opinion which damage the free action of the mind in thinking and deciding. I think, for instance, of the use of depth psychology in the propagation of opinions.

"Today the dangers to freedom come not only from the Communist bloc in the world. Dangers to freedom are, as I have suggested, present all the time in tendencies within our own western civilization, for freedom does not automatically take care of itself: it survives only through the constant and vigorous protection of it by those who care for it. Indeed it survives by propagating itself, by exporting itself to places where it is sorely needed. Freedom either grows creatively or else it declines. Nothing therefore matters more than that the nations of the West should give proof of their belief in freedom by coming vigorously to the aid of those parts of the world where freedom is frustrated by terrible poverty and distress. No moral or spiritual challenge seems to matter more than this. Freedom survives for those who will go to all lengths to be helping others to be free. The spiritual values of the Atlantic Community cannot survive by protection

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#### behind a rampart; they are to spend and

be spent in reverence for mankind in the meeting of man's disparate contemporary need and in the worth of man's eternal being."

Dr. J. M. A. H. Luns, Chairman North Atlantic Council: "Our deficiencies in military needs cannot, all of them, be redressed simply by making available additional funds. Further efforts towards a greater effectiveness of our present overall defence system are necessary. And by far the best way towards greater efficiency, in many fields, is the way of an integration of the national contributions to NATO

"The road to be travelled is, no doubt, not an easy one; our object cannot be gained without some sacrifice of cherished principles of national independence in the vital sector of defence. Of course governments, responsible before their parliaments, are very naturally afraid of losing control over important aspects of national defence. The consequences of modern technology and defence systems and their impact upon the way of co-operating in an alliance have, however, more fully to be drawn. Those problems must be tackled in a constructive way, we will have to seek for compromises between the intergrovernmentBOARD OF DIRECTORS F.W.U.A.

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al form of co-operation in our Alliance - which can no longer be a mere and obsolete coalition - on the one hand, and the essential need for military efficiency and economy on the other.

"Mr. Chairman, I have endeavoured to give an outline of some of the great problems facing our Alliance. I am firmly convinced that the Alliance will be able to overcome these difficulties if it suceeds in conquering some of the weaknesses inherent in all forms of cooperation between free and equal partners. For in the final analysis the greatest difficulty in making NATO function still more effectively lies in the fact that there is no "supranational" authority. In theory the creation of such an authority - which would mean creating some sort of an Atlantic federation - might offer a solution. I emphatically say in theory, for in view of the present political situation within the Atlantic area, such a development would seem virtually impossible. For the time being therefore we shall have to make do with what we have, and be prepared to co-operate via the intricate and laborious system we have come to know as "government by persuasion".

"I have good hope and confidence that our states, which on the national level have developed and perfected the

best conceivable form of government. namely democracy, will be in a position to meet more and more fully on the international level the great challenge of our day and that with understanding. wisdom, and determination the Atlantic co-operation will be widened and deepened."

Mr. J. F. Cahan, Deputy Secretary-General, OEEC, at the First Plenary Session — "Before I go on to my speech perhaps I should emphasize that in accepting your invitation and in preparing this speech I have not consulted the 17 governments which pay my salary. I am therefore speaking on my own personal responsibility and nothing that I say should be interpreted as being the thoughts either of the 17 governments or any of them or of the organization itself. In reading the, if I may say so, somewhat voluminous paper which was sent to me about this Congress, I see that the fourth general principle which has been laid down to guide the work of the Congress is the effect that we discuss in the Congress only those subjects regarding which governments would hesitate to take positive action themselves, so long as they are not sure that they will be supported by an important part of the influential public opinion of their countries. I propose to base myself on this

general principle and to talk to you almost entirely about matters on which governments hesitate to take action. Having said that, I hope you will not call me to order if a little later on I do happen to mention fields in which governments are taking positive action which I regard as unfortunate.

"Taking the first sub-committee, "Resources and Under-developed Areas in Atlantic Countries", I began by asking what the Atlantic countries were a definition - and I did not get a very satisfactory answer. Obviously, Turkey is an Atlantic country although some distance from the Atlantic. I suppose the narrow definition of the Atlantic countries must include all the countries which are members of the OEEC, including those, therefore, which are not members of NATO. I hope you will not feel I am entirely out of order when I say that there are other countries in Africa particularly - which deserve to be considered as affiliated in some way with the Atlantic countries, particularly when we are talking about resources and underdeveloped areas.

"Within the narrower group, you have the less developed countries such as Iceland, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, Greece and Turkey. You have within countries which are normally regarded as quite highly developed, areas which can only be regarded as pretty retarded. This is true not only in France and Italy, which are perhaps the examples which spring most quickly to mind, but also in this country, the United Kingdom, and if I may be forgiven for saying so in the United States.

"There are also areas, again mainly in Africa, in which some of our member countries have very special responsibilities, countries which are or were recently colonies. These cannot be entirely excluded from your considerations; it is not possible to go ahead and plan for the development of the first narrow circle of Atlantic countries and ignore completely what is happening on your Southern flank.

"Up to now, in international affairs we have paid a great deal of lip service to the problem of under-developed countries, and we have done a certain amount of hard, concrete work. This has taken two principal forms, direct financial help of one kind and another and technical assistance. It is in these two spheres that international organizations have principally concentrated their efforts. However, by and large, it is perfectly fair to say that we have neglected a very important aspect of this whole problem. The aspect which we have

neglected is how to give these countries the possibility of selling their goods abroad. It is very necessary, if we are honestly to develop these under-developed countries, to give them an opportunity to sell what they can best produce in our markets. There is no other long-term solution. It is no use pouring money in, it is no use giving them technical help if the resultant product simply has to be burnt or thrown away. I think in this — as perhaps in other things — it is worth looking at what our Russian friends are doing.

"Our Russian friends, when they give technical assistance and financial aid, do not stop there. This is a very important difference between what the Russians have done (and) what we have done. The Russians are prepared to take the exportable product of the countries which they wish to help and to take them at almost any price, any quantity and any quality. I do not suggest that we go as far as that, but I think we ought to do a little better than we do now.

"I wonder if this Congress could say to governments, "Don't be quite so hesitant about taking action, public opinon will go a good deal further than you may think." I do not know whether that is true or not, but you are a representative group. If you think public opinion will swallow it, it is a very important thing to have swallowed. It does not only affect farmers, let me say, it affects business people and trade unions. Trade unions have been very backward in permitting any encroachment on their territory from the products of less developed countries. The whole range of public opinion has got to be tackled if you are going to succeed in this field.

"We brought into force the European Monetary Agreement, but we ought to have done a great deal more than that. It is no use declaring your currency convertible unless you are prepared to take the consequences. I am happy to say that several member-countries of the O.E.E.C. have been prepared to take the consequences, at least up to a certain point.

"I believe that Sub-Committee Four should concentrate on the consequences, and the extent to which Governments can take the risk of taking the consequences. After all, we all participated years ago in a conference at Bretton Woods where we signed some agreements, where we talked about convertibility. We then went down to Havana— a very long conference that—where we talked about freedom of trade. We have all paid at least lip-service to these concepts ever since those days.

We wrote them into the Convention of the O.E.E.C. at the beginning, we said we were doing this — all these things that the O.E.E.C. was doing — with the objective of achieving full convertibility of currencies and international free trade. Now we are on the verge of getting there, and Governments are holding back, they are putting their feet in the water, and they think it is a bit chilly.

"I think that this Congress ought to give an example here and give a little push in the behind to some of our Governments. We all know that this is not going to be easy. We all know that none of us comes to this with clean hands, none of us is in a position to throw the first stone.

"These then are the four Sub-Committees which you have set up, and these are very briefly the sort of topics which I suggest they ought to be considering. Public opinion is not always ready to take the consquences of international co-operation. Public opinion is still nationally minded, but we must try where we can by every little crack and cranny to push a wee bit of the whiff of the internationalist doctrine into these closed chapels of nationalism.

"You may find it odd that I should be standing here before you this evening making a plea for greater international co-operation in economics and finance. at a time when, according to all the newspapers, the economic situation is fairly rosy. There may be clouds on the political horizon, but generally speaking the difficulties of last year in the economic sphere have been overcome. In reply to that I say that this is just the moment to start, now when there are not any problems. It is easy enough to get people to rush together to put out a fire when the fire has started, but will the buckets and the sand be ready? Probably not. I think that is one of the critical, crucial problems facing our civilization today. I believe it is an urgent problem. I have a feeling in my bones that if we do not find a solution to this problem of full wholehearted economic co-operation, within a very few years, we shall have lost all that we have been working for, for so long. I may be wrong, my timetable may be wrong. It may be - it does not matter so much for those who are sitting here today - but I do want to say to you with all the conviction that I can command — that if you do not establish a sensible system of wholehearted economic co-operation between the Atlantic countries in a very short time your children will never forgive you."

### Canadian Agricultural Economic Conference On Vertical Integration

Kenora, Ontario, June 15-19, 1959

by Henry Young

This conference, which I was privileged to attend, was held at the lovely Devil's Gap Lodge, which is situated in Lake of the Woods, 3 miles from Kenora. This is a very secluded and quiet spot, as there are no autos and the only way of reaching it is by boat from the mainland. The surroundings at the Lodge were very beautiful, as the hills were all covered with a prolific growth of shrubs and trees, which all added to the very quiet atmosphere at Devil's Gap Lodge. Our accommodation was excellent, and after becoming acquainted, the meetings began, the purpose of which was to examine and discuss the problems arising from Vertical Integration as applied to agriculture.

There were about 60 people, mostly men, present at this conference. They were for the most part Agricultural Economists connected with our Canadian Universities or Colleges, and there was one Australian present.

On the first day, June 15, the four main papers of the Course were delivered, with questions and discussion as far as time allowed. These were delivered by, —

- (1) R. Trifon, of the Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Manitoba. His subject was "Economics of Vertical Integration and Contracting, with some reference to Agriculture."
- (2) M. A. MacGregor, Department of Agricultural Economics, O.A.C. His subject was "Economic Implications of Vertical Integration."
- (3) W. D. Hopper of O.A.C., Guelph. His subject: "Vertical Integration and its Implications for Policy."
- (4) Bob Elliott, Secretary of Winnipeg Grain Exchange. His subject: "Social Implications of Vertical Integration."

In these papers the advocates of Vertical Integration, notably — Elliott and Hopper particularly, denied that there was any problem in this connection. They saw V. I. as a natural development which neither could nor would be stopped. They saw that traditionally-minded people would try to arrest progress. Also that Governments, with votes in mind, would attempt to turn back the clock. All such attempts

would fail and the exodus from the land would be accelerated. They argued that a well-adjusted farm population with production tailored to suit the market is far preferable to the present situation of overproduction and confusion.

On the second day the conference divided into three groups of about 18 persons each. Most of the day was spent in the defining of just what is Vertical Integration. Professor Trifon's definition is: "The undertaking by a person or company, of successive processes of production or distribution where each process yields a saleable commodity." After a lot of discussion this definition was accepted by the group.

Applying this strict definition to the Canadian scene we discovered that there is so far very little V. I. in Canadian Agriculture. There is, however, a lot of Contract farming. Even broiler production which has been completely revolutionized in recent years is mainly operated by contracts between companies and individuals. In assessing the situation in different provinces it was found that Ontario farmers are operating under every kind of contract, while in the prairies sugar beets, rape and sunflower seed, broilers and feeder cattle, are about the only products affected as yet.

In studying the economic and social effects which may be expected from the application of V.I. to agriculture there was great diversity of opinion. Some saw immediate need for a program of training and resettlement for the people who must have agriculture. Others saw no immediate problem. Some argued that farm organizations and Politicians who insisted on the status quo in agriculture were the real problem.

All agreed that further sweeping changes are coming in Agriculture, and the people who want to stay on the land will preforce have to adapt themselves to the new techniques of mass production. The old idea of farming as a "way of life" was considered an out-dated sentiment.

During the discussion we heard much about the revolution in broiler production. How, through the use of science in breeding, feeding, and disease control, the modern broiler now has a feed conversion rate of one pound of meat for every 2½ lbs. of grain fed. Through this it has been possible to reduce the price of broiler meat 1c per pound each year for 7 years. As a result the sale of broilers has increased 8 times during the same period.

During the discussion on Contracts the position of farm Co-ops was the

### Jr. FUA Member Attends Stratford Festival

A Bon Accord high school student, Sylvia Kuzyk, has been nominated as one of Alberta's representatives at the Stratford Festival in Ontario later this July.

Miss Kuzyk was one of the students chosen from nominations by Alberta high schools by a committee of members from the Drama Division of the University of Alberta, the Cultural Activities Branch of the Department of Economic Affairs and the Department of Education.

As a representative of this province Sylvia Kuzyk is well qualified. She has, in addition to excellent scholastic standing, participated in many activities. Among these were reporting for Canadian School News in Toronto, reporting the school news to the Edmonton Sun, membership in N.I.A. in New York City, the Red Cross, Junior F.U.A., the school glee club and many other such organizations. Writing awards received by Miss Kuzyk include articles on teenagers and alcoholism, the RCMP Musical Ride of 1958 and on the force's historical background.

Arriving at Stratford on the Canada Council train on the eve of July 22nd, Miss Kuzyk will be one of those to see Shakespeare's "As You Like It", other performances will include "Orpheus in the Under World" and "Othello".

subject of considerable discussion. It was pointed out that the principle of equal treatment of all members is basic in the Co-operative movement. The very idea of Contracts which, by the nature of things, could not be extended to every member seems to violate this principle.

It was brought out that the Manitoba Pool Elevators is now setting up a contract scheme for the feeding of cattle, which necessarily will be available only to a limited number.

The view of some was that the Co-ops might be forced to revise their principles or they would be at a disadvantage as compared with private enterprise.

I regret very much that at the end of the third day I had to return to Alberta. Consequently I am not aware of the conclusions (if any) which were reached at the conference. Before leaving I was promised a full report of the proceedings, including a copy of Mr. Elliot's paper, which was not available at the conference.

# **ELEANOR ROOSEVELT COMMENTS ON WAR**

Writing to the St. Louis Post Dispatch from Teheran, Iran, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt says:

A powerful and timely book, "The Face of War," by Martha Gellhorn, has recently been published by Simon and Schuster, and I would like to urge that this book be read carefully by the leaders in every nation of the world, certainly in the Soviet Union as well as in the United States.

Martha Gellhorn, a former St. Louisan and an experienced journalist, writes extremely well — almost too well to make reading of her book bearable. At times I had to put it down and close my eyes and try to think of other things. It is the account of her war experiences during eight years in 12 countries. She tells not only of the men at war but of the countless human beings — who lived through these wars and bore the brunt of the horror which was man-made.

One of her statements I think none of us today should ever forget: "From the earliest wars of men to our last heartbreaking worldwide effort," she writes, "all we could do was kill ourselves. Now we are able to kill the future."

On the last page of this book, which so graphically describes the face of war, she writes. "If we will not learn, is there any hope for us? The answer is that we cannot help hoping; we do not control it. We are given a supply of it which only runs out in death, perhaps because each one of us knows love, the source of hope . . . but this is our final chance to learn. The second world war was an evil that men could stop; the unknown nuclear war will have no end. No peace treaty will stop the interminable, invisible poison dust. The war of the universe will be carried on by the wind. War is a crime against the living and always has been; no one can begin to imagine the size and the shape of the crime of nuclear war . . . where will the survivors be, outside the limits of civilization, not worth immediately killing - and what can they hope for. what can they create again to the honor of mankind, knowing that the earth and the air and the water are incurably tainted, and that they have nothing to hand on to their children and their children's and their children's children except disease, a withering end to the last of the race? . . . to preserve freedom? What freedom? For whom?

These are very pertinent questions. This book forces you to think them through. There was a time when you could believe that to be willing to die for your country and to fight for it might have ennobling effects upon the character of man. With nuclear weapons that day is past, for you preserve nothing for the future or for anyone but a slow and certain death.

Is there no wisdom among us today which will force us to use and to develop the machinery set up after World War II in the United Nations so that the peoples of the world — all of whom will suffer if nuclear warfare breaks out on the face of the earth — can use their collective genius to prevent the destruction of the future?

-Mrs. Taylor

Paint Fuel Storage Tanks. Farmers are advised to paint storage tanks for gasoline or other fuels with a light color paint. Tests being carried out at the University of Saskatchewan indicate that a light color paint will reflect sunlight and thus cut evaporation losses and deterioration of gasoline qualities. Keeping tanks in the shade or under a canopy also seems to be worthwhile, according to those carrying out the tests.

-Wheat Pool Budget.

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#### F.W.U.A. REPORT . . .

Mrs. Laura Gibeau,

FWUA 1st Vice-president

On July 10th we said au revoir to our president, Mrs. Braithwaite. She is the official FWUA delegate to the ACWW conference being held in Scotland. She was in a gay mood, but a little weary and tired after three days of board meetings. We are also fortunate to have two other capable members of our organization, Mrs. W. C. Taylor and Mrs. Ross attending, at their own expense. We all know these women will contribute immensely in bringing about a better understanding between the country women of the world. The women who attend these conferences have vision, courage and are seeking ways and means to bring about peace in the world.

The summer FWUA conferences and district conventions have all rolled by once again. Mrs. Braithwaite, Mrs. Dowhaniuk and myself all agree that they were a success - you are to be commended. We have enjoyed everyone of them. It is gratifying to see the interest shown and the work being done by our farm women down at the local level where we have found co-operation and unity. We are confident that our FWUA directors will continue with the same devotion to service. To the newly elected directors and alternate directors we wish success in your duties, and speaking for the executive we will do our best to help you in every way.

The FWUA is trying to keep Highway Safety and Farm Safety in the minds of our farm people. We hope that through the medium of our organization, we can prevent serious and fatal accidents, but remember we need your co-operation.

Mrs. R. Johnson has been re-appointed to represent us on the Curriculum Committee. We would like all locals to send suggestions or recommendations to her at Helmsdale or to your FWUA Executive. We would also like to hear from you on problems concerning the mentally retarded. We can only help you if we know your problem. I know all farm women are busy, however, we must now and then take time to do the important things.

We have a new supply of cook books, and hope that all locals have some on hand. To date 43,000 have been ordered, so you can see how well they sell, always making a useful gift.

Mrs. James, convener of young people, reports having spent an interesting 10 days at Farm Young People's Week at the University, with farm boys and girls. This course has proven to be valuable to our young people. Junior Day and the crowning of our Jr. Queen, Lucille Pollock, were the highlights. Congratulations to Lucille and to her two attendants, Almute Schmidt and Katherine Manziuk. We do appreciate your initiative and work. I would also like to congratulate our new Junior President. Alex McCalla. We know that he will give leadership. Alex is looking forward to the Junior Camp Project with great enthusiasm, the same applies to the other members of the executive and the Junior directors. They are all to be commended on their work in this respect. We wish to thank Dean Lien for all he has done in the past. He has contributed in no small measure to the success of our junior section. "Welcome Dean to our Senior Organization".

The Camp Project is progressing favourably, with many locals and districts making donations. However, too many have as yet contributed very little or not at all. Please remember too that this is the time you can donate some of your

time and work for this camp. We need volunteer workers — write head office for information if you can give us a few days. Meals will be supplied at the camp, but you have to bring your own sleeping accommodation.

We hope that many of our farm women will attend Farm Women's Week which we know you will find very interesting. The FWUA is greatly honored to have received five invitations to the Queen's Luncheon. Mrs. Dowhaniuk, Mrs. Fevang and myself will be representing the FWUA at the Interprovincial Joint Board Meeting at Guelph, Ontario.

#### **Jr. Camp Donations...**

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#### Alberta Wheat Pool Brief To Senate Committee On Finance

"Great concern over the effects of inflation on agriculture" was expressed in a brief presented to the Senate Committee on Finance by the Alberta Wheat Pool. The prairie grain producer with no effective hedge against inflation, "bears the brunt of the inflationary tendencies apparent in the Canadian economy," the brief stated.

The Wheat Pool cautioned that the dangers of "creeping inflation," getting out of hand are greater than generally believed.

The brief was presented recently to the Senate Committee studying the effects of inflation on the Canadian economy by Alberta Wheat Pool president G. L. Harrold.

Inflation works social and economic injustices on certain sectors of the economy and for this reason more positive control measures should be enforced, the pool brief stated. To combat inflation the Alberta Wheat Pool recommended: a program to acquaint the public with the dangers of inflation; closer control and better timing of government deficit financing; more control over consumer credit; the effective use of anticombines legislation to prevent price setting; and the possibility of reducing tariff protection given the manufacturing industries.

"Certain groups have ready available hedges against inflation . . . Labor unions, with their strength in bargaining power and escalator close contacts, are able to ensure that workers' wages increase at a rate at least equal to the rise in consumer prices . . . Private industry has also afforded some protection. It, in turn, appears able to pass on the burden of increased labor costs in the form of higher prices," the pool brief stated.

The burden of inflation, therefore, falls most heavily on groups left unable to protect themselves. The predominant groups are the fixed salary workers and those engaged in agriculture, the brief asserted.

The brief pointed out that farm costs have increased at a much greater rate than have prices for farm products. On the basis of 1949 costs and prices equalling 100, the index of all farm costs in 1958 dropped to 94, while the index of the cost of goods and services used by farmers rose to 128.

To add to the farmers' difficulties about 75% of the prairie wheat marketings must move into export markets where pricewise Canada has virtually no bargaining power. With the elimination of opportunity for price increases, the grain producers' capacity for self-protection is limited to increased efficiency and a reduction in costs, the brief declared. The trend toward greater mechanization, necessary for increased efficiency, is handicapped by the rapidly rising cost of farm machinery. Thus inflation hinders the modernization of the farming business.

The brief goes on to state that in the post war period the efficiency of Canadian farmers has increased at approximately double the rate of all Canadian industry. To look for "any acceleration of this rate would be unduly optimistic."

Today, farm costs are governed by the costs of goods and services which are rising at a pace equal to the current rate of inflation, the Pool brief declared.

"The ready capitulation by industry to labor's arbitrary demands, large government deficits with corresponding increases in interest rates, protective tariffs for Canadian manufacturers, and unrestricted consumer credit, are fields in which we believe some attention is over-due," Mr. Harrold pointed out.

With regard to a program to acquaint the public with the dangers of inflation the brief stated, "a definite policy in which clear objectives of controlling inflation are widely publicized may go a long way toward tempering public opinion, of course, the government, too, must follow moral suasion with appropriate positive action."

The Wheat Pool brief recognized deficit financing as a means of combatting recession, but there is need for closer control and better timing of government deficit financing.

The Alberta Wheat Pool contended that the government should build up a surplus in prosperous times and use the deficit to stimulate business activity only when necessary. It is time fiscal policy was used as a double-edged sword to fight inflation as well as recession.

The Pool noted the apparent ease of securing credit for installment buying and stated "more effective control should be placed on installment credit for consumer goods."

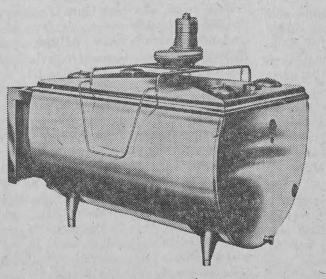
Finally, to be successful in combatting inflation, we must eliminate the the annual cost price increases created by labor on the one hand and on the other by industries . . . . " The brief termed increased wages based on rising living costs "a never ending dilemma."

The Pool brief called for a careful review of tariffs suggesting that "a reduction in tariff protection for the Canadian manufacturing industry may have a double barreled effect of creating abroad increased purchasing power for Canada's exports, while stimulating more competition in Canadian industry and great efficiency of industrial labor."

#### TAX SAVING THROUGH RETIREMENT PLAN

by Mrs. W. C. Taylor

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### GETTING TOGETHER AND HAVING FUN

by Mrs. E. Fenang

One afternoon last week, I attended the monthly meeting of an FWUA local. The meeting was held in the home of a member. It was one of those pleasant early summer afternoons, that make a person feel especially good. The roll call was a suggestion from each member present, as to how Farmers' Day should be spent. After some discussion, it was decided that a community picnic was the choice.

The discussion reminded me of the Community Picnics in the days when a community picnic was really an event. There was the greased pig and the greased pole, with the prize at the end of it. The Tug O' War, games and races, and the other events that were a part of those picnics. The prizes and who won them didn't seem to be important. It was getting together and having fun that really mattered. I have a notion that many a grudge between neighbors was laughed away. After the events were over, came the barbecue and picnic supper. The day ended with a dance at the Community Hall or perhaps an outdoor dance pavilion and the entire family took part in the fun.

One evening recently, I attended an old fashioned Box Social. There was not a large turnout but those present had a very enjoyable evening. It is a long time since I have had the opportunity of attending a box social and I had forgotten how much fun they could be.

With the coming of the motor car, farm people are no longer so dependent upon their neighbors. The community social events must now compete with city and town attractions.

There is no doubt that the outlook of the farm people is much broader today than it was a generation ago. The young people have a much better opportunity to get about and see for themselves how other people live. We regret that so many of our young people are leaving the farm but in many cases these people never have been happy on a farm. No one can be really successful in their work if they do not like it.

In spite of all the advantages of this modern age, it is my opinion that for family fun, a good community picnic or an old fashioned box social is hard to beat.

It's no wonder that a hen gets discouraged. She never finds things where she lays them.

#### FUA Members Help Afflicted Neighbor

A splendid example of co-operation and community spirit manifested itself at Mallaig last week when a group of farmers pooled their resources to help one of their afflicted members and turned out on his farm in full force to seed his crop for the coming season.

The bee was organized by the Farmers' Union to help out Dan Kachmarchyk who suffered a stroke of paralysis, was confined to St. Paul Hospital for observation and later taken to Edmonton by ambulance.

Twenty-two tractors lined up with attachments to put in the 150 acres in crop and summerfallow and an extra forty all in one day's work. Leonard Smyl was foreman of the operation which included in the greater part members of the Farmers' Union.

Free gas was donated by Fatty Martin, Mallaig Esso dealer and Paul Novak, while the St. Paul Co-op supplied groceries and meats to keep the army of farmers mobile. Ladies undertook the cooking.

Technical advice, moral support and sympathy came from some visiting dignitaries which included the Hon. Ray Reierson, MLA, along with Mr. Colter, Marcel Chevrette, D. A.; Albin Nelson, field supervisor; Rev. Fr. Viel, St. Lina; F. Wuth, FUA organizer; Bill Sutton, service board; Jack Purificati, Calf Club President of St. Lina.

Following is the list of generous farmers who took time off from their own operations during the busy season to help a neighbor in need:

Jean Louis Charbonneau, J. Purificati, A. Hudecki, S. Karcymacyk, J. Kaplin, M. Jodoin, M. Michaud, A. Dechaine, L. Smyl, S. Jodoin, R. Dechaine, G. Lafleur, V. Dechaine, L. Dechaine, W. Sutton, J. Champagne, P. Symko, M. Kaplan, E. Dechaine, C. Kachmarchyk, P. Witwicky, C. Williams, M. Dubeau, J. Charbonneau, P. Nowak, J. Christinsen, O. Nelson, R. Bilodeau, A. Bilodeau, F. Dechaine, A. Brissm, M. Lozeau.

The cooks were: Mrs. S. Jodoin, Mrs. C. Kachmarchyk, Mrs. E. Dechaine, Mrs. P. Nowak, Mrs. D. Kachmarchyk, Francoise Dechaine, Marie Dechaine, Sophie Kachmarchyk, Stephania Kachmarchyk and Madelaine Jodoin.

Unimportance is the sensation that comes when you make a mistake and nobody notices it.

#### UTOPIA FWUA HAS 10th ANNIVERSARY

Utopia Local Farm Women's Union of Alberta celebrated its tenth anniversary on May 11, 1959 to mark steady progress in the movement in this district.

On May 11, 1949, the FWUA of Utopia and districts organized their local with Mrs. Cecil Blackburn as president, and Mrs. F. Hoise (now of Victoria) as sec.-treas. With a few exceptions owing to weather conditions the members have gathered at the various homes to conduct their federal and provincial legislation and to take part in social affairs.

At the spacious home of Mrs. Joe Bonertz the postponed monthly meeting was held on Monday, May 11th with 19 members & several children present. Invitations had been sent to the adjoining Locals, so the members were pleased to welcome Mrs. C. Hochstein, Mrs. H. Simpson and Mrs. F. Packham from the Chinook Local. One visitor was also present.

A delicious pink cake topped with ten lighted candles was prepared by the entertainment committee, and baked by Mrs. K. Froese. The cake was placed before Mrs. Cummins, who blew out the candles, then cut the cake. The honour was bestowed on her for highest monthly attendance, and Mrs. C. Blackburn was second with Mrs. F. Marr a close runner-up.

Mrs. R. Marr outlined the policy of the Farmers' Union, stressing the aims to work with other organizations interested in similar objectives, which has shown results during the past decade.

Roll call was answered by "A meeting which I remember." New business consisted of deciding to give assistance to a Junior FUA boy or girl who attended University Week at Edmonton.

Mrs. C. Bonertz will act as a convener when reports of farm accidents will be sent to headquarters.

Mrs. F. Huddlestun and Mrs. C. Blackburn, who attended the District Conference held at Claresholm recently, gave a good report of the day's activities, which resulted in a question period amongst the members.

Appointed to act on the get well committee were Mrs. E. Bonertz and Mrs. Oline Bonertz.

Co-hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. M. Hochstein and Mrs. R. Marr, assisted by the hostess, Mrs. Bonertz.

The tea prize was won by Mrs. K. Froese.

#### FWUA Highlights . . .

Hazel Bluff FWUA #305 (Westlock) discussed the Dist. 3 conference held at Eastburg, and in particular the Handicraft display. Farmers' Day picnic was held at Island Lake, near Clyde, and a good time is reported in spite of a very cool, rather rainy day. Donation of \$10.00 to be made to Callow Coach Fund. Plans are being made for annual Bus trip of one day to Edmonton, for this year. Joint FWUA and FUA social evening held in the newly renovated Hall, and colored movie films by a local merchant, of his Florida trip, were much enjoyed.

Shady Nook FWUA #1014 (Red Deer) answered the roll call by naming a Cabinet Minister and his portfolio. A letter was read, from Mrs. Beaver of Sunchild Reserve at Rocky, in appreciation of clothing, etc. Each member was appointed a section in the Scrapbook on Switzerland. A bulletin on Legislation and one on Highway safety were read.

Hotchkiss-Notikewin FWUA #209 (Hotchkiss) expects to clear about \$90. on booths at Farmers' Day picnic. When meeting closed the members joined the FUA to hear Mr. Iddins, fieldman for FUA, whose talk was both interesting and informative.

Chestermere FWUA #1007 (Hubalta) donated \$40.00 towards the expenses of Joan Pederson, Jr. FUA attending the Young People's Week in Edmonton. Mrs. D. Barker attended the Safety convention and suggests that we see that all tractors and implements on the highway are illuminated by red tape. Slides on a California trip were shown.

Three Hills FWUA #1018 heard Mr. E. P. Foster of Three Hills, guest speaker, who said the causes of fires mainly were (1) overloading electric fuses; (2) hightest gas used for cleaning; (3) children playing with matches. Two farm accidents were reported: (1) a truck and car collision — no one injured; (2) tractor seat broke while cultivating, but operator was not injured.

Berrywater FWUA #1202 (Milo) answered the roll call with the naming of the Cabinet Ministers and their portfolios.

Jefferson FWUA #1401 (Cardston) heard a report on the Dist. Convention in Lethbridge, given by Mrs. Nish. During the lunch hour Mrs. Hartman played

back a tape recording she had taken during the meeting, which was very amusing to all. The ladies were very happy to have Mrs. Roberts with them again.

Edmonton FWUA #603 decided to make a \$25.00 donation to the Callow Coach Fund. A donation of \$30.00 is to be made to the Cancer fund. A brief history of the early days of the FUA and FWUA was given by Mrs. Cook — who was thanked by Mrs. Cowan for her time and research on the subject. A letter from Mrs. D. Tucker, ou A.C.-W.W. correspondent in Australia, was read. She also sent some farm papers from Australia. Mrs. Cook entertained the ladies with 2 quiz tests which were quite amusing.

Westlock FWUA #308 held a very well attended meeting in spite of wind and rain. There was some discussion on questions asked when reporting an accident and it was felt they are too personal. It was decided to transfer the \$300.00 held by the Co-op to the Robt. Gardiner Scholarship Fund. For the last ten years it has been bringing in \$12.60 a year for the Fund, which is felt to be worthwhile. Conference at Eastburg was attended by 6 members, and the Handicraft Exhibit won 3rd prize.

Jubilee FWUA #1310 (Hussar) plan to have the film "Better Driving Test" for the Sept. meeting. Secretary was asked to write neighboring locals to see if they would consider joining Dist. 10 Strathmore was suggested as a district conference place.

Morinville #504 held a bake sale which brought in \$59.71. They also sold tickets on a calf and dressed turkey which amounted to \$104.50. \$100.00 will go to the Goldeye Lake Fund.

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Sydenham - Gerald FWUA #710 (Wainwright) planned to give a vacuum cleaner to the Old People's Home. \$25. donation to be made to the Clear Lake project. \$5.00 donated to Library. Trophy for best float at stampede presented.

Imperial FWUA #621 (Vegreville) plan roll call for next meeting — each member to bring a potato and largest potato to receive a prize. Meeting consisted mainly of reading material from Head office.

Freedom-Naples FWUA #310 (Freedom) spent some time on discussion of their flower show which is coming up in August. Delegates to the Athabasca convention were elected.

Drumheller East FWUA #1111 had a very small gathering due to bad weather and illness. However, while 2 members read correspondence and bulletins the others completed a crib quilt for the Red Cross. There is a regular "FWUA News" broadcast over CJDV (910) Drumheller, each Friday at 10:40 a.m. ("Our thanks to CJDV for donating time for FWUA News". Much co-operation is needed from surrounding locals to make this venture a success.)

Burnt Lake FWUA #1004 (Red Deer) are saving coupons for a set of silverware to raffle off, proceeds to go as a donation to the Goldeye Camp. Two members attended the Dist. 10 convention at Olds. Mrs. E. Pearson was delegate to the summer conference in Red Deer and gave a report of it at the local meeting. Few accidents reported from the district.

Arrowwood FWUA #1201 (Arrowwood) held a joint evening meeting of the FWUA and FUA, at which they heard reports of the four delegates sent to Farm Young People's Week by the FWUA and the Alberta Wheat Pool; also reports of the delegates to the Dist. 12 convention held at High River. Well satisfied with attendance as rain was coming down in torrents and even gravel roads were slippery.

West Wind FWUA #1217 (Pincher Creek) answered roll call by exchanging plants. Members were requested to report accidents to the convener. A report on dist. conference at Claresholm was very much enjoyed. A donation is being made of \$5.00 to cancer fund.

Fairdonian Valley FWUA #802 (Sedgewick) reminded members to donate to White Elephant sale being sponsored by FUA to help Goldeye Camp. \$4.00 donation made to buy a book for Sedgewick's Public Library.

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Hillside FWUA #906 (Millet) held discussion on report of Farmers' Day picnic. A number of suggestions were made for the improvement of the picnic next June. A very interesting report was given on the Wetaskiwin convention. Mr. Ed Nelson gave an informative talk on his recent trip to London as a NATO delegate. Letter from child in Greece, who has been supported by this local through contributions to the "Save the Children Fund", was read. Interesting reports were heard on recent Provincial and Federal legislation and on 4-H work.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Letters for publication from members and subscribers only in The Open Forum must be brief. Pen names may be used if desired, but the pen name of the sender must accompany the leter A recent Board of Directors' ruling limits letters to 300 words and those longer cannot be accepted. Readers are asked to observe this change. The F.U.A. does not necessarily endorse or accept any responsibility for opinions expressed under this heading.

Editor, Organized Farmer,

Dear Sir:

I would like to express my humble opinions in your interesting column.

As Columbus discovered the world is round, then we must also travel round, and eventually the green pastures ahead turn dry and tough as we near our starting line. Now, many more have joined us, we the common people and small farmers, who must go on a round trip again. Big production, high cost machinery, and immigration have caused our unemployment ranks to swell; our crusade is almost twice as large and the grass has little green this trip, and this is the 30th trip I can remember.

Who has allowed the price of all to go up? Who pays the price for unemployment insurance, finance companies, freight rates, luxuriously financed living? You do. The guy who lets "Joe" Blow It.

Like the young suitor who asked the farmer for his daughter, "Have you enough to keep a family on?", the old gent asked. "Keep a family on", replied the smart young man, "why I just figure on keeping the wife and myself, the family will still have to take care of itself." So we, you and I, must get out and clean the termites from our cupboards. Don't be a smothered spark, Jump, join your F.U.A. — get Car Pool benefits. Do it now! Sub-district conventions are coming up. Elect the executives you know will work to gain your ends.

The small farmer cannot stand the strain of all this, BUT he is still the backbone of every nation, the nerve centre. He must be and will be given security and encouragement.

I can say, from one year of interesting experience as a sub-director, the job is full time and not enough time outside family responsibilities is available. We need salaried organizers for at least 3 months of the year, men who want the job, men who understand people and farming. It's nothing to spend 3 hours of intelligent argument and intelligent questions, to get a satisfied F.U.A. member, more than likely one who never really understood what the F.U.A. stands for, a man of strong opinions. So, get out! Fan those sparks, don't overlook any suggestions as to resolutions that will voice strong opinion to advise our Governments what we want.

THE ORGANIZED FARMER

You, your ideas, your vote, can mean security in living and education for your sons and daughters — the leaders of tomorrow. Only you can do the job, but we will all help. Curtail the speculators who have wrecked our past, and will ruin our future.

In closing I wish to say let's do something definite now, regarding 100% membership by October 1st, 1959—it's too late after December 1st.

Thanks for a year of invaluable experience as a sub-director, it was sincerely a pleasure.

Thomas W. Silk

Sir:

The letter written by Mr. H. Young in your June issue was very much to the point, and he should find time for more of them. One part of the letter was not clear to the writer. After saying how much more farmers "could sell, to such countries as Japan, if we could take their goods freely in exchange," Mr. Young goes on to say that, "free importation of goods from low-cost countries will put Canadian workers out of a job." Does Mr. Young include

goods passing through an Import-Export Board as free importation?

The opinion of many farmers is that Import-Export Boards are the answer, and that goods coming from very low-cost countries into Canada through an Import-Export Board will not put Canadian workers out of a job.

First of all we don't buy Canadian goods with the unmarketable surplus, also one of the conditions of importing through an Import-Export Board would be that all goods so imported would have to be sold at the going Canadian price, so if we exchange our produce for something we need how is it going to hurt Canadian workmen?

Through an Import-Export Board, farmers could sell all grain, perhaps at half the present price, to countries that had a corresponding low price on their goods. The Export-Import Board would retain ownership of these goods till they were sold at the going Canadian price, and the balance of the proceeds would be handed out to the farmer, like a final payment from the Wheat Board, giving the farmer a parity price for his grain.

The writer cannot see how a Canadian worker is hurt, with such regulations, and to say otherwise, unless there is good reason for it, is to do the farmer harm. Farmers must do something quick unless they want to get hurt; there is only cattle left and the forecast for beef is not so hot.

It would be interesting to hear other opinions about Import-Export Boards. They are outside of politics, a Socialist, Capitalist or a Social Creditor can support them without hurt to his political principles.

W. Horner, Eckville, Alberta

#### MEMBERSHIP UP TO JUNE 30, 1959

DISTRICT	Membership	Units	1958 Total Unit
District 1	3,873	1,827	1,268
District 2	4,545	2,089	1,252
District 3	3,794	1,825	1,544
District 4	5,159	2,269	1,939
District 5	4,202	1,855	1,322
District 6	6,154 -	2,903	2,632
District 7	5,601	2,603	2,538
District 8	4,685	2,233	1,855
District 9	5,519	2,602	2,083
District 10	6,842	3,364	2,493
District 11	3,303	1,659	1,303
District 12	4,065	1,857	1,723
District 13	1,969	945	765
District 14	3,952	1,951	1,661
TOT	AL 63,663	29,982	24,378

### F.U.A. DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

DISTRICT 7 FWUA CONFERENCE ROSYTH — JUNE 5, 1959

A Dist. 7 FWUA sub-dist. conference was held in Rosyth Community Hall on June 5 with thirty two ladies in attendance. Mrs. Paul Belik, FWUA Director for Dist. 7, was chairman for the day.

After opening the conference with the singing of O Canada, Mrs. Belik asked for volunteers and nominations for the various committees to act for the day. In her opening remarks she suggested that a handicraft display might be an interesting addition to another conference at Rosyth.

A greeting card, to be sent to Mrs. Spencer in recognition of her great interest in promoting such conferences as this, was circulated among those present for signatures.

The different locals present were called on for reports which showed much interest and activity in the work of our organization.

Mrs. Belik gave an informative outline of her work during the past year and urged all to attend the District 7 con vention to be held in Wainwright.

After a few minutes of lively singsong the meeting adjourned for a bounteous picnic lunch.

The afternoon session opened with Mrs. Belik introducing Mrs. Paul Downhaniuk, the FWUA provincial 2nd vice-President. In outlining the work of the FWUA executive, Mrs. Dowhaniuk explained the different groups that had been set up within the Executive.

A change of program was in mind, part of which would take the form of adult education and would tend to enlarge the roll of the farm woman, giving her a better understanding of the part she could play on the farm and in the community. She urged "Buzz sessions" to be held at group meetings for a mind stimulant, and demonstrated their value by organizing one during her address to the conference group.

Miss Marilyn Lukens of Hardisty favored the ladies with a vocal and piano solo.

Mrs. Gillespie of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society was introduced by Mrs. Belik. Following a most informative talk, and question period, the film "Never Surrender" was shown.

The meeting voted in favor of holding a sub-dist. conference in Rosyth in June, 1960.

Another short sing-song was enjoyed, followed by a friendly social hour.

#### A. H. ANDERSON RETURNED AS DISTRICT 13 DIRECTOR

F.U.A. District 13 held its annual convention Tuesday in the Public Library auditorium, Medicine Hat, with a registration of 40 delegates, 11 officials and 30 visitors. An address of welcome on behalf of the City of Medicine Hat was extended by Alderman Cliff Adams in the absence of Mayor Veiner.

A. H. Anderson of Medicine Hat was returned as FUA Director, District 13 in the elections, with J. E. Muza of Empress as Alternate Director.

Mrs. T. Duby of Rainier was named FWUA Director with Mrs. M. Deering of Irvine as Alternate. Named Junior



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Director was Gerald Schuler of Hilda.

Sub-district 1 Director, Earl Johnson,
Hussar; Sub-district 3, Albert Schindeler, Brooks; Sub-district 6, Marvin
Fischer, Hilda; Sub-district 7, Herbert
Weiss, Medicine Hat; Sub-district 8,
Barney Gogolinski, Orion. Other directors will be elected at a later date.

The report on hog grading was presented by August Villadsen of Brooks, named to the committee last year. Report on the Car Insurance Pool was made by Mr. Oxford of Edmonton, and on Farmers' Comprehensive Liability by Clare Anderson of Freedom, FUA vice-president.

#### Guest Speaker

The work of the women in the FUA was discussed by Mrs. C. R. Braithwaite of Red Deer, FWUA president. Dean Lien of Warner, immediate past president of Junior FUA reported on the work of the juniors.

Of particular interest was an address by FUA President Ed Nelson of Brightview, who gave a report of the Atlantic Congress held in London which brought together 650 delegates from all 15 nations of the NATO alliance. Mr. Nelson remarked that on Sunday he was inspecting French farms, and two days later was in Medicine Hat.

#### Vertical Integration

Brian Sommerville, Wheat Pool fieldman, was moderator for a panel discussion on vertical integration which aroused considerable interest. Members were: B. Gogolinski, Orion, representing ranchers; Clare Anderson, Freedom, the packers; A. Johnson, Schuler, hog and poultry raisers; and A. H. Anderson, Medicine Hat, the consumers.

#### Resolutions

Four main resolutions were passed by delegates. Sponsored by State Local No. 1304, that the \$10 water right per acre imposed on all new irrigable lands be absorbed by the federal or provincial governments, as full costs of preparing the land should be borne over future years.

Sponsored by Rainier and Scandia FWUA's: As there are large numbers of bursaries and scholarships which go unused each year in the face of a shortage of district home economists, that sponsors of these unused funds be persuaded to direct their assistance to students in agricultural courses, particularly in home economics.

Clearwater Local No. 1303 submitted a resolution requesting the provincial government to consider selling small parcels of lease lands to the leasor without putting the lands up for auction, if cause for such can be justified.

Clearwater Local's motion was carried in that the convention accept and stress

#### DISTRICT 3 CONVENTION REPORT

The annual district convention was held at the Athabasca Community Center on June 25th. Invocation was given by Rev. Nelson of Athabasca. Mr. C. Donahue brought greetings from the town and Mr. Aloisio brought greetings from the County of Athabasca.

Tom Foster, FUA Director, in his address to the convention, dealt with subdistrict conventions, meetings held during the year and stated that two new locals had been started in the district.

Mrs. H. James, FWUA Director, reported on the Mass Delegation to Ottawa and her work as Convenor of young peoples work.

Fraternal greetings were brought from the Alberta Wheat Pool by Ed Ness and Mr. Godel the District Agriculturist.

Mr. D. Smith of Fawcett gave an excellent report on the Hog Grading Committee finds. This Committee consists of one representative from each of the FUA Districts.

Mrs. Hazel Braithwaite, FWUA President, gave a very interesting address dealing with various topics: the Brief presented to the Cameron Commission; the farmers' position financially and socially, and gave a general outline of the FWUA activities in the Province.

Alex McCalla, Junior FUA President, spoke on the aims and hopes of the Junior Section. He dealt with the proposed Junior Camp at Gold Eye Lake; the "Caravan" June 12th; the building program, and he emphasized that the main purpose of our Junior Section is to promote public speaking and provide leadership training and other educational courses for our young members.

The FUA President, Ed Nelson, in his address dealt with the deficiency payments, the Ottawa delegation; the large membership and his trip to London England, to the NATO Conference as one of the 45 Canadian delegates. He read part of the Queen's address given at this meeting and stated that ways and means for co-existence in this world must, and could, be provided as the needs and aims are the same everywhere.

A number of resolutions were dealt with during the session.

The delegates selected Picardville as the place for the 1960 District Convention.

A banquet was attended by over 85 delegates and guests, representing 25 locals.

the promotion of conferences for the women in District 13, and that all FWUA women be encouraged to attend.

#### **DISTRICT 9 CONVENTION**

The District 9 Convention held at Wetaskiwin on June 26th was called to order by the FUA Director, Mr. D. G. Whitney of Lacombe.

Mr. Whitney stated in his report that District 9 stood 4th in the membership among the fourteen districts in the province. Mrs. F. Sissons, FWUA Director spoke briefly on the Banff Leadership Course and on the Safety Program.

During the afternoon Mrs. Hazel Braithwaite, FWUA President; Mr. Ed. Nelson, FUA President and Alex McCalla, Junior FUA President spoke to the delegate body.

A panel discussion on Vertical Integration was the first item on the evening program with Mr. Dickson, representing Canada Packers — Edmonton; Dave Garland of Wetaskiwin and D. G. Whitney being the panel members with Max Sears as moderator.

Mr. Ed Nelson gave a full report on the Atlantic Conference of NATO held in London.

#### ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION DISTRICT TWO

With an exceptionally good attendance the Annual District Convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, for District Two, was held on Wednesday June 24th, 1959, at the Arena Hall at Falher. Registration showed there were 120 FUA Delegates, representing 28 Locals; 12 FWUA Delegates, representing 5 Locals, and 14 District Officials. Visitors were registered as 28 but according to the Credentials Committee there were at least twice as many visitors in attendance. Howard Hibbard, assisted by E. F. Montgomery, acted as Chairman throughout the Convention. After Committees were appointed, and routine business dealt with, reports were heard from the following Sub-District Directors:-Mrs. J. Barnowsky, J. DeWinter, Z. Cote, R. Howie, E. F. Montgomery, R. Bowness, E. Luka. These were good reports and showed that a lot of work had been accomplished since the last District Convention. Other District Officials who gave reports were Mrs. E. Fevang, FWUA Director; Mrs. E Shaw, Alternate FWUA Director; Howard Hibbard, FUA Director, William Pearce, Alternate FUA Director: Mrs. Delores Gardiner, Junior FUA Director; and E. F. Iddins FUA Field Organizer. Guest Speakers from Central Office included Mrs. Braithwaite, FWUA President; E. Nelson, FUA President; and Alex Mc-Calla, Junior FUA President. Mr. Frank Oxford, Car Insurance Organizer, was also present to speak on Insurance, and greetings were heard from Mr. Roy Ellis, High Prairie, recently elected Social Credit M.L.A. and Mayor Gilbert

Chalifoux, with a welcome on behalf of the Town of Falher. Through the kindness of the Town of Falher, the use of the Arena Hall had been donated for the holding of this Convention. Fraternal Greetings were brought to the Convention by George Parsons, United Grain Growers; Gordon Campbell, Alberta Wheat Pool, and S. D. Simpson, Sub-Agent of C.C.I.L.

Another Guest Speaker whose talk was very interesting and instructive was Mr. M. H. Jaque, District Agriculturist, of High Prairie. Mr. Jaque had chosen for his topic "New Concepts of Agricultural Extension". Some of the Resolutions which were passed concerned the following:

Railroad extension to the north; control of lamb imports, fire permits, education; deficiency payments, Flax and Rye marketing, payment of grain storage; Pork prices; etc. It was decided by way of a resolution that the next Annual District Convention would be held at Peace River.

During the opening and closing of the Convention Mrs. Ben Warren of Griffin Creek, acted as pianist.

The election of officers resulted in the following being elected: —

FUA Director, Howard Hibbard; Alt. FUA Director, E. F. Montgomery; FWUA Director, Mrs. E. Fevang; Alt. FWUA Director, Mrs. R. Wilson; Junior FUA Director, E. Luka, Assistant Junior FUA Director, Miss Betty Stuffco; Sub-District Directors:— Hercel Sloan, J. Dewinter, Z. Cote, R. Howie, F. J. Hutton, Geo. A. Seaton, Mrs. E. L. Walker, and William Fazikos. At the Board meeting held following the Convention Mrs. J. H. Merriott, of Berwyn, was re appointed District Secretary. A vote of thanks was extended to all retiring Officials.

### THIS MONTH . . .

- JULY 3—District 5 Convention was held at Evansburg with Ed Nelson, FUA President; Mrs. H. Braithwaite, FWUA President; and Alex McCalla, Jr. FUA President were in attendance.
- JUILY 4—Ed Nelson, Mrs. Braithwaite and Alex McCalla attended District 6 Convention which was held at St. Michael.
- JULY 6—District 7 Convention was held at Wainwright with the FUA President; FWUA President and Mrs. Delores Gardiner, Jr. FUA 2nd Vice President in attendance.
- JULY 7-District 4, the final convention, was held at St. Paul.
- JULY 8—The FWUA Board met at Central Office.
- JULY 9-11—The FUA Board held their annual summer board meetings at Central Office.
- JULY 10—Mrs. Braithwaite, FWUA President, left Edmonton for Scotland where she will be our representative to the ACWW Conference. Also attending the Conference will be Mrs. W. C. Taylor and Mrs. W. Ross both of which are going at their own expense.
- JULY 11—Eighteen FUA and FWUA Board, and Executive members left for the Joint Interprovincial Farm Union Council meetings being held at Guelph, Ontario, from July 14 to 16.
- JULY 16-17—Clare Anderson attended the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Livestock Co-op which was held at the Moose Temple in Edmonton.
- JULY 22—Ed Nelson, FUA President attended a farewell social evening at Morinville which was held in honor of Mrs. Laura Gibeau, the Provincial FWUA 1st Vice-President.
- JULY 24-25—Jr. FUA Workshop and Board meeting held at Central office.
- JULY 25—Ed Nelson attended a meeting held at Warburg with regard to Clover seed.
- JULY 28-30—Ed Nelson attended the C.F.A. Board which was held at Winnipeg



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JUNE 15 - "We would like to point out that Government interference in business can take many forms, and increasing taxes is only one. The really serious way in which Government interferes in business is by establishing tariffs, duties, subsidies and other protective legislation which increases the price of import goods in Canada, and so allows our Canadian manufacturers to hold up the Canadian price. The result of this policy is that the Canadian consumer pays \$1 billion more every year for the goods he buys, than he would have to pay if the Canadian Government did not "interfere," by the imposition of tariffs."

JUNE 25 — "It is surprising how many countries buy Canadian Wheat. Eighteen European countries bought from us in 1957-58, including Russia, which

took about 15,000,000 bu. Britain was the big one, of course, with over 100 million bu. All the other European countries together took just about the same amount.

"Then, in Asia and Oceania, there were 18 countries, all the way from Japan to Arabia, to Australia, who took a total of 83 million bu. Of these, Japan was the big customer with over 38

"Central America also had 18 countries who took 9 million bu. of Canadian wheat - Jamaica, Panama, and Bermuda among them. Jamaica took the most - over one half million bushels. South America took over 8 million, and Africa about 2,000,000. The U.S. strangely enough, also took 9 million bus."

JUNE 26 - "It's easy to see that there are real advantages to this business of vertical integration. It allows industry to become more efficient and to control quality and to assure supply. All this is good, but what about the farmer? The small family farmer does not have a chance if he does his own dealing, because he will be dealing only with big corporations where he has no equality of bargaining power. So what do we do? We fall back on the technique which has never failed us — we work together! After all, let's not forget that the farmer is the key man- he produces the goods. Without them there is nothing to integrate. We must build up our co-operatives, so that they are as big as the fellow we are dealing with. Then we can bargain on an equal basis. We can do more than that. We can be the processor, the supplier, and to a large extent the retailer. We have already done this. The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool owns a flour mill. They take their own wheat, mill it, and sell the flour to consumer co-op stores.

"We need to do more of this. We can, and we will, once we make up our minds to do so."

JUNE 29 - "Last week we attended a meeting in Edmonton, at which a group of citizens opposed the building of another supermarket in their area, on the ground that it was completely unnecessary. They pointed out that they are already within a mile of one of the biggest shopping centres in Alberta. There are two chain grocery stores in this centre, and they also have a small shopping centre right in their district. Why build another one, they asked?

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# Excerpts From General Curriculum Committee Report — Nov. 1958.

1. The 26th meeting of the General Curriculum Committee was held on November 28, 1958. The twenty-six members in attendance included representatives of the Department, the University, teachers, trustees, organized labor, and farm and women's organizations.

#### The Co-operative Movement in the Curriculum

At the request of Mrs. Russell Johnston, of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta, considerable attention was devoted to the place of the co-operative movement in Alberta. The chairman of the General Curriculum Committee, Mr. Watts, reported that some attention is devoted to the principles of co-operation in the Grade IX social studies program and also in the Junior High School course on Community Economics. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was decided to have the Social Studies subcommittee review the Alberta Wheat Pool's publication entitled Student's Story of Co-operation for its suitability as a recommended reference in junior high schools.

2. At the May meeting of the Committee the chairman told the members that the pamphlet was examined by members of the Social Studies-Language Sub-committee and was approved as having value for students in Grade IX and will be listed in the pamphlet entitled Classroom Aids for Teachers. In this examination there was some reservation as some members felt that while it was an excellent booklet from the point of view of those who are in favor of co-operatives, others might not be so enthusiastic about it.

The Department distributes selected pamphlets on request which include the following:

- 1. Student's Story of Wheat (Alberta Wheat Pool)
- 2. Grains of History (Canadian Wheat Pool)
- 3. Protect Prairie Soil (Line Elevator Farm Service)
- 4. An Illustrated Guide to Prairie Weeds (Line Elevator Farm Service)
- 5. Field Crop Insects and Their Control in the Prairie Provinces (Line Elevator Farm Service)

The policy of the Department has been to make available to schools any material which organizations are prepared to produce if the material reaches certain standards of objectivity. This applies to films as well as publications, the chairman said. Care has to be taken to protect schools from propaganda.

In January, Mrs. Johnston sent a letter to the locals of the Farm Women's Union, giving information on "Educational Television" obtained from the special report by the School Broadcasts Branch, Department of Education, and also a questionaire to be answered by the locals.

"Approximately 33% of the 52 locals answering said the greatest benefit to be obtained from educational television could be obtained from supplementary information to certain subjects such as social studies and science, while about 35% of the locals favored the use of educational television for direct teaching by specialists in such subjects as language, advanced sciences and advanced mathematics. Approximately 20% favored the use of educational television in music, art and drama. Many did not understand the term "In-service training of teachers". Others definitely recognized the value of television in this field.

"Approximately 75% favored co-operation with private stations and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation if educational television were to be established. Most locals recognized the value of educational television in adult education, to the home-bound student, and to create good public relations between the home and the school.

"Approximately 80% of the locals answering had adequate reception for school use but it is believed that the reason more locals did not answer the questionnaire was that a large part of the rural area does not yet have adequate T.V. reception.

"Although the questionnaire did not mention costs, more than 50% of the locals stated that costs were prohibitive. Some suggested that the required money would be better spent in bringing more efficient teachers to the more isolated rural areas.

Ten letters were received with the returned questionnaires. Some requested more information for use in debates and panel discussions. Five were definitely opposed to educational television in our schools because of the costs and because it could serve mainly schools near the T.V. stations which are usually staffed by the more efficient teachers with reasonably good equipment and the use of films.

"Many letters were critical of the present television programs and desired more programs of an educational nature, particularly during the early evening when children are watching.

### THE QUEEN'S SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF THE ATLANTIC CONGRESS — 5th JUNE, 1959

I welcome here today the representatives of the countries who are bound together in the North Atlantic Treaty Orangizations. It is a particular pleasure for me to recall that I have been able to visit so many of your countries in recent years.

The Atlantic Community is an alliance of like-minded peoples and it is therefore something much more profound than a formal agreement between Governments and leaders. The Atlantic Community is the first real effort to give practical form to a growing desire of the peoples of this part of the world to work more closely together for their mutual security and benefit.

It is in the light of this new concept that I would ask you to frame your ideas and your resolutions. It is an unmistakeable longing among peaceloving people of the world to create a happier and an easier international atmosphere, but there is no simple guide to point the way.

The success of this congress, therefore, will depend on the simplicity of its recommendations and the clarity of its ideas.

You start your work here with two great advantages, for the Atlantic Community shares a common interest in security and progress, and a common European heritage. The many elements which make up this heritage are too complex to describe and too subtle to define. We cannot list them, but we know them when we meet them. However, there are two which have long been the main principles of enlightened European thought and action: respect for the freedom of the individual, for the dignity of human nature and a simple faith in God. These two principles show more clearly than anything else that the things which divide us are very small and unimportant compared to the things which unite us.

These two principles also demonstrate to our fellow members of the Commonwealth and to all our friends throughout the world that the Atlantic Community is not an exclusive club, but itself belongs to that wider brotherhood which comprises all men of goodwill.

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They were critical of the "Music-hall barroom type of show" in the early evening and also the "Cowboy and Indian stories with shooting". These usually place the Indians as enemies and add to the difficulties of the Indian children in their contacts with other children."

#### ANNUAL CONVENTION DISTRICT 14

District 14 F.U.A. Convention was held in the Marquis Hotel, Lethbridge, June 17th, with 100 delegates, officials and visitors present.

Mr. H. R. Patching, district director, opened the convention, followed by an address of welcome from the city by Alderman J. Wilton.

Mr. Patching and Mrs. M. Roberts gave a very full report of their year's activities.

Provincial presidents, Ed. Nelson and Mrs. Braithwaite addressed the afternoon session, dealing with the many achievements and problems that confront our farm organization.

Mr. Oxford spoke on Co-op Insurance and Mr. Nelson explained the set-up of the F.U.A. Farmers' Comprehensive Liability Plan.

A number of resolutions were dealt with, among them were those dealing with floor price on sunflower seed for Alberta; marketing policy; farm labor be included in unemployment insurance scheme; hunting season of upland game be postponed till after October 25th, duck hunting season be 30 days earlier; F.U.A. locals sponsor essay contest for school children on farm organization; P.F.A. Act be amended to increase payment to \$10.00 per acre so that total crop loss would bring farmer maximum of \$2,000.00 for his year's work; requested federal government to give immediate attention and approval to deficiency payment issue, and put into effect the recommendation of Bracken Commission on box car allocation; F.U.A. office publish a summary of federal and provincial acts passed, affecting farmers, in Organized Farmer, and information be sent to locals.

A banquet in the evening concluded a very successful day.

Mr. Gordon Twedt, board member of the Montana Farmers' Union was guest speaker. W. W. Wagler, Alberta Wheat Pool, S. Hatch, Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce, extended greeting from their organization.

Dean Lien spoke on the Junior Camp at Goldeye and showed slides of site and building plans. Sub-district 7 presented Dean with a one hundred dollar bill, and Newlands and Iron Springs locals presented combined cheque for \$150.00 towards building fund.

Officers elected for the coming year: Director—Dean Lien, Warner; alternate director — Richard Thull, Milk River; F.W.U.A. director—Mrs. M. L. Roberts, Owendale; alternate—Mrs. J. T. Graham, Warner.

Junior director-Larry Lang, Cardston. Sub-directors — Kenneth Newton, Del Bonita; Wesley Kuehn, Warner, Jerome Theilen, Milk River; Mrs. Louise Tonberg, Seven Persons; Hugo Miller, Lethbridge; John Toth, Iron Springs.

#### F.U.A. DISTRICT 6 CONVENTION

The 11th annual convention of District 6 was held at St. Michael on July 4th with 81 delegates present representing 31 locals. There were 56 F.U.A. delegates, 23 F.W.U.A. delegates and 2 Junior delegates. Mr. John Savich, president of the local board of trade gave the address of welcome. The annual reports were presented by the F.U.A. and F.W.U.A. directors; also a report from the district board.

F.U.A. DISTRICT 14 EXECUTIVE: (front row l. to r.): Mrs. H. Graham, alt. FWUA director; Mrs. W. J. Roberts, FWUA director. Back row: Larry Lang, Jr. dir., Richard Thull, alt. FUA dir., and Dean C. Lien, FUA dir.

Interesting and informative addresses were given by Ed Nelson, F.U.A. president, Mrs. C. R. Braithwaite, F.W.U.A. president and Alex McCalla, Jr. president, and Mr. Frank Oxford of the Coop Fire and Casualty Co. Mr. C. Zeigler gave a report on hog grading.

A number of resolutions were passed after much discussion. Among them were ones dealing with mutual telephones, farm forum, egg marketing board, hog erysipelas, gopher extermination and mental health.

Officers elected were Ted Chudyk of Vegreville, F.U.A. director; S. A. Sanford of Vegreville, alternate F.U.A. director; Mrs. L. Carleton, Bon Accord, F.W.U.A. director; Mrs. L. Scraba, Andrew, F.W.U.A. alternate director, and Mrs. Gwen Smeltzer, 180 Willow St. Sherwood Park, Jr. F.U.A. director.

Sub-directors who were elected at subdistrict conventions for the coming year are Wilf Oliver, R.R. 4, Edmonton; Alberta Hennig, Hilliard; R. G. Radway, Bremner; Ted Chudyk, Vegreville; and J. M. Lupul, Andrew.

#### DISTRICT CONFERENCE HELD AT WAINWRIGHT

The central part of District 7 F.W. U.A. locals held their conference in June, in Wainwright.

The meeting was opened by the singing of O, Canada. Our District 7 director, Mrs. Paul Belik was in the chair. The secretary from each local present reported on the work done by their local since the last conference. All seem to be very active.

Guest speaker in the morning was Mrs. O. Griffiths, who teaches in the Opportunity Room in Wainwright. Her topic was "The Opportunity Room". Miss Tweedy then showed a film on training a child to have good mental health, in co-ordination with the talk.

Just before closing for lunch corsages were presented to the guest speakers and officials.

After lunch a tour was made of the Battle River Lodge (Senior Citizens' Home), which interested all the ladies.

The afternoon speaker was Mrs. L. Gibeau, first vice-president of the F.W.U.A. She spoke on vertical integration and we also had a film, revolution on the land, to go with her talk.

Several resolutions were discussed and passed and sent to the District 7 convention, which was held in Wainwright on July 6.

The place chosen for next year's conference is Edgerton.

The afternoon was brought to a close with a dainty lunch, served by the ladies of Heath local.

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# A.C.W.A. Appointments

Of recent months two new men have joined the staff of the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale. E. A. (Elliott) Dowbiggin, B.A., has taken the position formerly held by John d'Archangelo, that of personnel manager, and William Hlushko, B.Ed., has joined the staff of the public relations department as the public relations assistant.



Elliott Dowbiggin

Mr. Dowbiggin is a newcomer to the Province of Alberta, coming originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba where he took his formal education and graduating from the University of Manitoba with an Arts Degree. Later he took post graduate studies at the University of Toronto.

Since leaving university, Mr. Dowbiggin has been employed by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission, the Ontario Department of Highways, and lastly with the Bristol Aircraft (Western) limited of Winnipeg. During his tenure with these firms, Mr. Dowbiggin has acquired considerable experience in personnel work.

The Dowbiggins have a young family of three, two girls and a boy, and are looking forward to making many friends and new acquaintances in Alberta.



William Hlushko

Mr. Hlushko is no stranger to a lot of farm folk in the Vegreville area, as he was born, raised, took his early education and farmed at Chipman and Hilliard. After leaving high school he was employed for four years as the Alberta Wheat Pool agent at Chipman.

Among the many youth activities Bill has been active in before deciding to enter the University of Alberta to take the four-year course in Education, was 4-H Club leader in the Vegreville area, as well as secretary of the Chipman Lions' Club. In the fall of 1954 he attended the Rural Leadership Course at Banff. Bill was also a member of the Chipman FUA local.

Bill is married and has a five-year-old daughter. Mrs. Hlushko is the former Olga Gavinchuk of Hilliard, and a graduate of the Archer Memorial Hospital at Lamont.

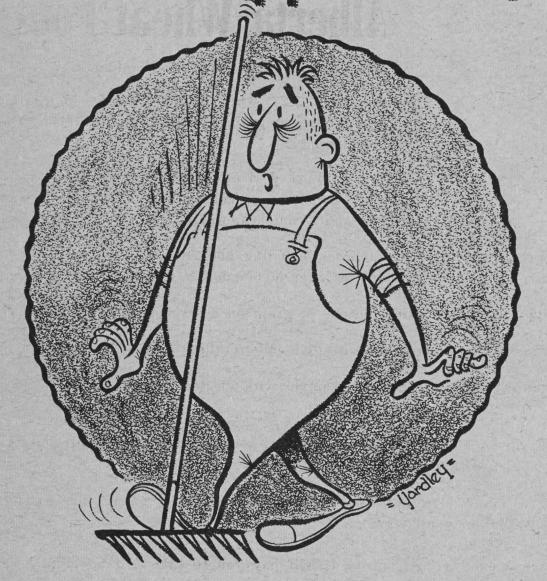
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My hope is that, when you disperse, the peoples of the Atlantic Community will be one step nearer to a practical system of co-operation. And when an issue divides us — be it great or small, be it a matter for Governments or technicians or just the play of public opinion — I hope that any who are disposed to quarrel may think twice, and may remember that our real aims are the same and make a determined attempt to reconcile our differences.

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